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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Carter

1. Reference the attached, it was agreed that major candidates who are seeking the nomination would be briefed if they so desire. It was further agreed that Secretary Rusk would be responsible for contacting the candidates to determine their wishes and arrange an appropriate appointment for the briefing. The briefing would be done jointly and concurrently by Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense and DCI or their principal deputies, with the DCI leading off on a general review of world conditions, to be followed by SecState and SecDef on foreign affairs and defense problems.

2. Rusk is to write Senator Goldwater, Gov. Rockefeller and Senator Margaret Chase Smith, offering the briefing. He will not contact other unannounced candidates (Nixon, Scranton, Lodge, etc.) but the briefings will be given to them if they so request. Stassen will not be briefed, nor will Gov. Wallace as it is considered that they are not "serious candidates" for at the moment they have no delegates.

3. The briefing will be at the level of Top Secret, TKH, and COMINT. [redacted] is instructed to arrange appropriate clearances.

4. The briefing materials prepared for General Eisenhower are a very good start. Would appreciate your arranging for DDI and others to complete the briefing book. Incidentally it should be kept brief because of the limitations of time with three of us present.

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JOHN A. McCONE
Director

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April 20, 1964

MEMORANDUM TO: Secretary of State
Secretary of Defense
✓Director of Central Intelligence

The President requests that you make prompt and appropriate arrangements to provide all major candidates for the Presidency with all possible information that may be helpful to the serious discussion of public issues in the area of national security affairs. The President leaves it to your discretion how such information is to be provided, but he suggests that it would be useful if the four of us met promptly to consider the ways and means of providing such information. He asks that we be guided by his purpose of ensuring that major candidates have access to all possible information.

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